Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 13 Dec 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 14 Dec 2023

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 12 Dec 2023 at 16:51 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High

Headline for Wednesday 13 Dec 2023: Mainly dry and bright during daylight hours.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 13 Dec 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow showers (night)	Fog	Fog	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
60%	40%	20%	10%	<05%	<05%	<05%	20%

Forecast for Wednesday 13 Dec 2023

Weather: Rather cloudy at first with scattered snow showers, rain below 600m, but becoming mainly dry with clearing skies around Creag Meagaidh and the west by dawn. Any lower cloud around the Cairngorm Plateau will soon clear to leave the day mainly dry and bright with some weak winter sunshine. Some patchy rain and snow nudging in the west by midnight.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70%

Low cloud and visibility: Occasional or extensive cloud overnight and early morning, base 600 to 900m, lifting and clearing during the morning. Visibility mostly very good or excellent, but moderate to very poor in early rain, snow and low cloud.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	24/31 NE	18/23 NE	17/23 NE	13/17 NE	8/10 SE	12/15 S	23/30 S	35/44 S	42/55 S
900	20/23 NE	13/16 NE	13/16 NE	9/11 NE	6/8 SE	11/14 S	22/28 S	32/41 S	39/50 S
600	9/12 NE	8/10 NE	6/8 NE	4/5 N	3/5 SW	5/7 SE	15/22 S	26/36 S	28/42 S
300	5/12 NE	5/11 N	3/7 NE	2/3 SE	2/5 SW	3/8 SW	7/16 SW	10/26 S	16/35 S
Glen	3/11 N	3/10 N	2/8 N	2/4 NW	3/6 S	5/13 SW	6/19 SW	7/25 S	7/28 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-4/-12	-4/-11	-5/-12	-6/-12	-6/-11	-6/-12	-6/-15	-6/-16	-5/-16
900	-1/-8	-1/-6	-2/-7	-2/-6	-2/-5	-1/-6	-1/-8	-0/-8	-0/-9
600	1/-3	1/-3	0/-3	0/-2	-0/-2	0/-2	1/-4	1/-6	1/-6
300	2/0	2/-0	2/0	1/-0	1/-0	0/-2	-0/-4	1/-4	2/-3
Glen	2/1	2/-0	1/0	0/-0	1/0	1/-2	1/-4	1/-4	2/-3
Freezing Level*	700m	700m	600m	500m	500m	400m	300m	400m	500m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Note strengthening winds during the evening.

Forecast for Thursday 14 Dec 2023

Weather: Overnight rain and snow, the snow soon becoming confined to the highest summits. Bright spells and occasional showers during daylight hours, the showers wintry over the highest summits. The odd shower continuing through the evening. Windy with summit gales and significant wind chill.

Maximum wind: West or Southwest 30 to 35mph gusts 50mph, but gusts 60mph over the Cairngorm Plateau.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60%

Low cloud and visibility: Occasional or extensive cloud, base 700 to 1000m. Visibility very good falling moderate to very poor in showers and cloud.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 3 to 7 Celsius
At 800m: Minus 2 Celsius rising to Plus 2 Celsius
Freezing level: Well down at first, but soon rising 1000 to 1200m.

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